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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, between lines 2 and 3, please add: --This is a continuation of U.S. Patent

Application Serial No. 09/252,333, filed February 18, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-29 without prejudice.

Please add the following claim:

30. A vascular prosthetic, comprising:
- at least two valvular conduits, each of said conduits having an inflow end and an outflow end and a biological valve housed therein;
  - wherein each of said valvular conduits is joined adjacent said inflow ends and upstream of each of said biological valves to form a single vascular prosthetic having an